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SUBJ: HUMAN RIGHTS - DRAFT RESOLUTIONS APPROVED BY THE WORKING GROUP
OF THE FIRST COMMITTEE

THERE FOLLOW DRAFTS OF HUMAN RIGHTS RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY
COMMITTEE I JUNE 22:

(A) (DRAFT RESOLUTION PRESENTED BY THE DELEGATIONS OF COSTA RICA,
THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, THE UNITED STATES AND VENEZUELA AND
WITH THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED BY THE DELEGATIONS OF JAMAICA
AND BARBADOS)

(ITEM 22 OF THE AGENDA)

REAFFIRMING THEIR COMMITMENT TO HUMAN DIGNITY AND FREEDOM AS
EXPRESSED IN THE AMERICAN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MAN

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"CONSIDERING THAT EFFECTIVE INTER-AMERICAN COOPERATION FOR THE
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INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE REGION CONSTITUTES
A FUNDAMENTAL MEANS FOR PROMOTING THE FULL EFFECTIVENESS OF HUMAN
RIGHTS.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLVES:

1. THAT THE IACHR BE COMMENDED FOR ITS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE HUMAN

RIGHTS AND THAT ITS RESOURCES BE INCREASED SO THAT IT CAN PERFORM
TIS FUNCTIONS MORE EFFECTIVELY.

2. RECOMMEND THAT MEMBER STATES SHOULD COOPERATE FULLY WITH THE
COMMISSION BY SUPPLYING IT WITH NECESSARY DOCUMENTATION AND TAKING
ALL OTHER MEASURES REQUIRED TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION
INCLUDING THE PROTECTION FROM RETALIATION OF INDIVIDUALS WHO
COOPERATE WITH THE COMMISSION.

3. THAT THE COMMISSION SHOULD ORGANIZE, IN COOPERATION WITH THE
MEMBER STATES, A PROGRAM OF CONSULTATION WITH GOVERNMENTS AND
APPROPRIATE INSTITUTIONS AND RESPONSIBLE ORGANIZATIONS, ON THE
OBSERVANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN THEIR COUNTRIES.

4. THAT EACH MEMBER STATE AFFIRMS ITS COMMITMENT TO:

A) THE PURSUIT AND ACHIEVEMENT OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND UNDERTAKES
TO SECURE THE TERMINATION OF ANY SUCH VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN
RIGHTS AS MAY EXIST WITHIN ITS BORDERS AND

B)THE ACHIEVEMENT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL JUSTICE IN ITS NATIONAL
AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS;

AND FURTHER AFFIRMS THAT IN ITS PURSUIT OF ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL
JUSTICE IT WILL PRESERVE HUMAN DIGNITY AND FREEDOM (AS EXPRESSED
IN THE AMERICAN DECLARATION ON THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MAN)
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AND WILL ADHERE TO THE RULE IN LAW. IN PARTICULAR EACH MEMBER
STATE AFFIRMS ITS BELIEF THAT THERE ARE NO CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH
JUSTIFY TORTURE, SMMARY CONVICTION OR PROLONGED DETENTION
WITHOUT TRIAL CONTRARY TO LAW.

(B) DRAFT RESOLUTION

(PRESENTED BY THE DELEGATION OF COLOMBIA)
(TOPIC 22 ON THE AGENDA)

WHEREAS:

THE NATIONS VOLUNTARILY ASSOCIATED IN THE ORGANIZATION OF
AMERICAN STATES HAVE ESTABLISHED THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS
AND DUTIES OF MAN AS A GOAL FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THEIR LEGAL
CULTURE AND A NECESSARY FRAMEWORK FOR THE MEN OF THE AMERICAS
TO REACH THEIR FULL POLITICAL EXPRESSION;

THROUGHOUT THEIR HOSTORY AS FREE NATIONS, THEY HAVE STRUGGLED TO
DEFEND THE PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE RIGHT OF THEIR
PEOPLES TO CHOOSE THE SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT THAT BEST SUITS
THEIR INTERESTS;

LIKEWISE, THE PRINCIPLE OF NONINTERVENTION OF THE STATES IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF OTHER STATES IS RESPECTED AND DEFENDED BY THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AS A BASIS FOR THE JURIDICAL EQUALITY OF THE STATES;

THE COMMITMENTS ASSUMED BY THE STATES ON PROTECTION OF AND RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE NOT BEEN DELEGATED BY THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMUNITY OR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ANY PARTICULAR STATE, BUT TO SPECIAL AGENCIES CREATED BY THEM;

THE CURRENT LEGAL INSTRUMENTS CREATED TO INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS OF THE CHARTER OF HUMAN RIGHTS HAVE SHORTCOMINGS THAT REDUCE THE EFFECTIVE APPLICATION OF ITS STANDARDS;
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IN THE INITIAL STAGES OF THE PROCESSES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND CAPITAL FORMATION -- AND IN THE ABSENCE OF EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL COOPERATION -- PHENOMENA, SUCH AS REDUCTION IN CONSUMPTION AND THE PROLONGED POSTPONEMENT OF THE SATISFACTION OF LEGITIMATE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLES PRESENT THEMSELVES, CIRCUMSTANCES THAT CREATE SERIOUS SOCIAL TENSIONS AND A POLITICAL CLIMATE THAT IS NOT CONDUCTIVE TO THE NECESSARY RESPECT FOR AND PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS;

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

RESOLVES:

TO RECOMMEND TO THE INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS THAT IT PREPARE, FOR EXAMINATION AND OBSERVATIONS BY THE PERMANENT COUNCIL OF THE ORGANIZATION, A STUDY OF THE SYSTEM AND METHODS FOR INVESTIGATING VIOLATIONS OF THOSE RIGHTS BASED ON NONDISCRIMINATORY PRINCIPLES THAT RECOGNIZE THE JURIDICAL EQUALITY OF STATES AND STATE THEIR OBLIGATION TO CARRY OUT THE COMMITMENTS ASSUMED IN THE DECLARATION OF THE RIGHTS AND DUTIES OF MAN.

TO REQUEST THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES TO EXPAND THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE THROUGH THE ABOLITION OF THEIR DISCRIMINATORY AND PROTECTIONIST PRACTICES; TO CARRY OUT THEIR COMMITMENTS REGARDING THE GENERALIZED SYSTEM OF PREFERENCES; TO REDUCE THEIR EXTREMELY HIGH EXPENDITURES FOR ARMAMENTS THAT ENDANGER WORLD PEACE AND THE SURVIVAL OF CIVILIZATION, AND PROMOTE THE TRANSFER OF THEIR FLOWS OF EXCESS CAPITAL TOWARDS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THEIR RESPECTIVE NATIONAL LAWS, SO THAT THESE FLOWS ALLEVIATE THE HARSHNESS OF THE PROCESSES OF CAPITAL FORMATION AND CREATE
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FAVORABLE CONDITIONS FOR THE FUNCTIONING OF DEMOCRATIC SYSTEMS
AND THE FULL EFFECTIVENESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS.

TO URGE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW AND EFFECTIVE INTER-AMERICAN
COOPERATION SYSTEM FOR THE INTEGRAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRIES
OF THE HEMISPHERE, CONSIDERING THAT THIS CONSTITUTES A FUNDAMENTAL
MEANS OF PROMOTING THE FULL EFFECTIVENESS OF HUMAN RIGHTS
IN THE LEGAL AS WELL AS THE ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL
SENSES.
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